

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SHARING INFORMATION
USING A HANDHELD DEVICE**

Abstract

5 A method and apparatus for sending information to a
data processing apparatus for identifying a document to
share with a recipient. A handheld device is capable of
communicating with the data processing apparatus.
Information is captured from the document and stored in the
10 handheld device as document data. A communications path is
established between the handheld device and the data
processing apparatus. The document data is sent to the
data processing apparatus through the communications path.
Reference documents are provided. Each reference document
15 has reference data stored in a memory. At least a portion
of the received document data is extracted as scanning
data. The reference data is retrieved from the memory.
The scanning data is compared with the reference data.
When the scanning data matches at least a portion of the
20 reference data of one of the reference documents, the one
reference document is selected as the identified document
for forwarding to the recipient.